



NEWS RELEASE

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DELAYS ON STATE ROUTE 70 DUE TO ROADWAY PROJECTS

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation continues to work on several projects on State Route 70 from Lake Oroville to Quincy. Construction hours are normally between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, with some night work anticipated. Motorists should expect delays of up to 15 minutes at each location.

Contractor, Knife River Construction of Chico, continues work on a \$5 million project between the West Branch Bridge over Lake Oroville and the Pulga Bridge in Butte County. This project, which will repair and rehabilitate more than 12 miles of roadway, is expected to complete in late summer.

“Caribou Curve” is a \$1.4 million safety project located between Belden Town and Twain that began construction on May 4, 2011. Work includes modifying a curve and widening the paved shoulders to 8 feet. The contractor for this project is Knife River Construction and work hours are between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. weekdays, with 24-hr traffic control beginning in June.

The Spanish Creek Bridge replacement project continues on State Route 70 in Plumas County. The \$28.3 million project, funded primarily by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), will construct a new 627-foot concrete arch bridge located approximately 40 feet west (downstream) of the existing steel truss bridge that was built in 1932. The new bridge will meet current standards including seismic, permit truck loads and 8-foot shoulders. The contract was awarded to CC Myers Incorporated and is scheduled for completion in 2013.

Roadside message boards will be used to post the latest information. Unexpected weather may prolong or cause the work to be rescheduled and permit projects being completed by other agencies could cause delays. Caltrans urges motorists to plan for delays and use caution in this area. Please “Slow for the Cone Zone”.

For more information please contact the Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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